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Dear Professor Suleiman:

Patricia Derian, Assistant Secretary for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs, wanted me to express her deep regret that her attendance at the Human Rights Conference in Belgrade prevents her from being with you in Detroit. She also asked me to extend congratulations to you and to the members of the Association of Arab-American University Graduates on the occasion of your 10th annual convention.

We welcome the special interest of your Association in the status of human rights in the Middle East. Should you desire, members of this office and other interested officers of the Department would be happy to discuss with you in Washington human rights issues in that vital area of the world.

Sincerely,

Mark L. Schneider
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Human Rights

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Ms. Patricia Derian
Coordinator, Human Rights
The Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ms. Derian:

I am writing to invite you to participate in the Tenth Annual Convention of the Association of Arab-American University Graduates, Inc. which will be held in Detroit, Michigan, October 21-23, 1977. The AAUG is a non-profit educational and cultural organization which aims at promoting knowledge and understanding of cultural, scientific and educational matters between the Arab and American peoples. In pursuance of these objectives, the Association engages in various endeavors including the annual convention which constitutes a distinguished assemblage of scholars and public figures addressing relevant questions and critical matters which affect Arab American relations.

During this year's convention we plan to stress the importance of human rights in the search for a just and durable peace in the Middle East. We would be pleased if you would agree to participate in the human rights forum on Friday, October 21st by addressing the topic: United States Policy and Human Rights in the Israeli occupied territories.

The AAUG will provide you with a round-trip ticket (Washington-Detroit) and accommodations for the duration of the Conference.

I would be grateful if you would let me know your response to this invitation within two weeks, and I look forward to an affirmative reply.

Cordially,

Naseer H. Aruri

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